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PM RE PINCUS/PAUL TRIP

SUBJECT: IEAF AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE ASMARA

REF: ADDIS 1208

1. REFTEL REPORTS PINCUS/PAUL REQUEST FOR DATA ON EXPENDITURE OF AMMUNITION BY IEAF T-28'S BASED ASMARA. PURPOSE OF INQUIRY TO ASSIST COMMITTEE IN ASSESSING LEVEL IEG COUNTER-INSURGENCY EFFORT IN ERITREA.

2. ACCORDING FIGURES GIVEN US BY IEAF, 11 T-28 D'S AND 10 F-86'S BASED ASMARA EXPENDED 79,000 ROUNDS .50 CALIBRE AMMUNITION CY 1969. WHILE THIS SUBSTANTIALLY HIGHER THAN FIGURE EACH OF PREVIOUS TWO YEARS DUE TO INCREASED NUMBER OF PILOTS IN T-28D SQUADRON AND INCREASED AVAILABILITY OF TRAINING AMMUNITION, IT IS NOT RPT NOT OUT OF LINE NORMAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS I.E., ABOUT ONE TRAINING SORTIE (INVOLVING FIRING) EVERY TENDAYS. THIS IS CALCULATING CONSERVATIVE 100 ROUNDS PER SORTIE. HAVE NO FIGURES ON HOW AMMUNITION EXPENDITURE DIVIDED BETWEEN T-28'S AND F-86'S.

3. NO RPT NO RECORD ANY DRAWDOWN BOMB INVENTORY ASMARA DURING 1969.

4. ABOVE INFO SUPPLIED ON MOST CONFIDENTIAL BASIS AND

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